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SONNTAG (EAST) JUNE 22 HAD FOLLOWING EDITORIAL COMMENT RE  
US CONTACTS GDR REGARDING HELICOPTER PERSONNEL.

FED REP "FELL FROM THE CLOUDS" WHEN SECRETARY DULLES DECIDED  
ON DIRECT CONTACTS RATHER THAN 3RD PARTY NEGOTIATIONS.  
US GOVT NO LONGER DENIES EXISTENCE OF GDR. "THIS FIRST OFFICIAL  
CONTACT BETWEEN USA AND GDR IS NOT ONLY A PRECEDENT OF THE  
FIRST ORDER BUT ALSO INDICATES THE INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF  
OUR STATE IN WORLD POLITICS. MORE THAN 15 YEARS PASSED BEFORE  
THE US RECOGNIZED USSR IN 1933.

OTHER EAST PAPERS, UNDER HEADLINE "US CONGRESS PROPOSALS FOR  
NORMAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH GDR", ATTRIBUTE TO REPRESENTATIVE  
FLOOD AND SENATORS CAPEHART AND RUSSEL CRITICISMS OF US HANDLING  
OF HELICOPTER INCIDENT.

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